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SUBJECT: SAHARA: RYDBECK MISSION AND ARAB MEDIATION; JALLUD RETURNS;
POLISARIO SECY GEN REAPPEARS

1. RYDBECK MISSION: PRESS FEB 3 TERMS RYDBECK MISSION
"SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION" BY INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY
TOWARDS RESOLVING SAHARA PROBLEM PEACEFULLY.
"UN ONCE MORE CHARGED WITH FACING ITS RESPONSIBILITY
CLEARLY AND WITHOUT AMBIGUITY," COMMENTARY NOTES, PARTICULARLY
IN LIGHT OF "QUASI-UNANIMITY" OF UN IN FAVOR OF
SAHARAN SELF-DETERMINATION.

2. ARAB MEDIATION: ARAB MEDIATION EFFORTS TREATED WITH
MUCH GREATER RESERVE. PRES SYAS THAT EMISSARIES
EXPRESSED UNHAPPINESS AT "RABAT'S ESCALATION" AND HOPE
THAT CONFLICT WOULD BE RESOLVED PEACEFULLY. "SOME
EMISSARIES," PRESS COMMENTARY NOTES, APPEAR OPTIMISTIC
AND TO BELIEVE THAT MISUNDERSTANDINGS WILL SOON BE
RESOLVED. HOWEVER, PRESS BELIEVES THAT FURTHER
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ANALYSIS SHOWS MANY GOVERNMENTS TENDING TO ACCEPT FAIT

ACCOMPLI AND OTHERS SEEKING COMPROMISE.

IN THIS SITUATION, ALGERIAN POSITION CLEAR: "NO TO
TERRITORIAL AMBITIONS IN THE SAHARA; YES TO SELF-
DETERMINATION".

3. JALLUD RETURNS: MEDIA FEB 2-3 REPORT ARRIVAL
IN ALGERIA OF LIBYAN PRIME MINISTER JALLUD EVENING
FEB 2 FOR DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE. AS IN
HIS VISIT LAST WEEK, JALLUD LEFT IN EARLY AM FEB 3.

4. EL OUALI REAPPEARS: AFTER ABSENCE OF NEARLY ONE
MONTH FROM PUBLIC SCENE, POLISARIO SECY GEN EL OUALI
TURNED UP IN ALGERIA FEB 2 AND, IN PRESS INTERVIEW,
TERMED MOROCCAN ACCOUNT AMGALA INCIDENT "THE LIE
OF 1976". EL OUALI CLAIMED MOROCCANS HAD USED SEVEN
BATTALIONS WITH AIR AND ARMOR SUPPORT AGAINST ALGERIAN
UNIT AT AMGALA.

5. COMMENT: REAWAKENED INTEREST OF UN IN SAHARA
PROBLEM OBVIOUSLY MUCH TO ALGERIAN LIKING. ARAB
BROTHERS OBVIOUSLY HAVE NOT YET SEEN LIGHT IN
ALGERIAN TERMS, ALTHOUGH JALLUD'S REAPPEARANCE SUGGESTS
THAT ALGERIAN-LIBYAN CONCERTATION CONTINUING. WE
BELIEVE COMMENT ABOUT OPTIMISTIC EMISSARIES DIRECTED
AT EGYPTIANS. MUBARAK, WE UNDERSTAND, QUOTED BY
MENA AS ENCOURAGED BY RESULTS OF HIS MISSION. LYNE

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